REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of July 27, 2007 is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner again applied the Hudetz reference (USP 5,826,914) in a rejection of several of the claims in this application. However, as noted previously in the Amendment filed May 11, 2005, the Hudetz reference has <u>not</u> been formally made of record in this application by being listed, for example, on a Form 892. Therefore, in order to make the Hudetz reference formally of record in this application, the Examiner is again respectfully requested to list the Hudetz reference on a Form 892 in the next communication.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected pending claims 29-47 in view of the prior art. However, the Examiner also indicated that claims 48-51 are allowed.

Consequently, the rejected claims 29-47 have now been cancelled, leaving only allowed claims 48-51. As a result, it is submitted that the Examiner's prior art rejections have been overcome.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

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